

# BRIDGER BOWL ASSOCIATION Minutes Fall Meeting Nov. 21, 2006 7:00 P.M.

#### BOARD MEMBERS

Present-Randy Elliott (General Manager), Ray Center, Jim Drummond, Scott Hoag, Kent Kasting, Teresa Larson, Mike Riley, Rich Stolzfus, Estela Villasenor.

## **MINUTES**

The spring, 2006 Association Meeting minutes were circulated for review. A motion was made from the floor to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. The minutes were approved as circulated.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the statements of financial position and activities were distributed to association members. Dave Ballinger detailed the income and expense items presented. Net profit for the year was \$1,044,786.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Riley reviewed highlights of operation over the past year:

- \*Skier visits totaled 185,000-2<sup>nd</sup> highest year on record.
- \*Annual audit was conducted with no concerns. Dave Ballinger and Bridger staff were complimented on their exemplary work.
- \*Pass sales were conducted off-site at several local ski shops. The board thanked the staff for accommodating this request. Sales are up 17% from last year.
- \*Pass prices were held steady again this year for 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.
- \*The transportation committee is actively addressing transportation concerns.

\*Bridger Canyon Partners continue to move forward with their plans, and are close to submittal of their PUD. The 1992 agreement is currently being fine-tuned and negotiations are underway on a new agreement.

#### RECOGNITION

Teresa Larson shared that Fay Johnson and Randy Elliott were recognized at the annual International Snow Science Workshop. Randy was nominated for, and selected to receive, the Bernie Kingery Award. This is a prestigious honor, which is awarded by the American Avalanche Association.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

Randy reported on snow conditions. Many skiers enjoyed runs from ridge to base in October. Warm weather has now melted much of the existing snow, leaving a current depth of 15 inches at the top of Alpine. Opening is scheduled for Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Randy introduced, and recognized efforts of, year-round department supervisors:

Jeff Abelin- 7 years; Ticket Office & Technology

Bob Allen- 23 years; Facilities & Risk Management

Dave Ballinger- 20 years; Accounting & Administration

Paul Bockus- 13 years; Food Services

Dan Boehmer- 14 years; Lift Operations

Dan Doehring- 14 years; Vehicle Shop & Maintenance

Don Roberts- 32 years; Lift Maintenance

John VanHouten- 28 years; Grooming & Snow Maintenance

Doug Wales- 16 years; Marketing & Reservations

Seasonal Employees:

Mark Cowett- 19 years; Rental & Retail Shop

Bonnie Hickey- 16 years; Snow Sports Director

Fay Johnson- 23 years; Ski Patrol Director (President, American Avalanche Assoc.)

Doug Richmond- Ski Patrol (Vice-President, American Avalanche Assoc.)

Pete Moleski- recognized for craftsmanship-updating of Jimmy B's.

New Lift- A used (1976 Dopplemeyer double chair) lift was purchased from SnowBird and is slated for installation on Slushman's. The lift is scheduled to run by 2008. It will service expert (ungroomed) terrain totaling 1,700 vertical feet with a maximum capacity of 500 users per hour.

It is possible that a second new lift could be installed to accommodate beginner and intermediate skiers in the area of the current Alpine Lift.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Foundation-** Roger Bay reported that the Bridger Foundation has now been in place for almost two years. Foundation board members are currently promoting a senior compensation program where seniors receiving compensated passes donate the cost to the Foundation. The Senior Compensation effort has resulted in approximately \$5,000 in

donations to date. Monies are being used to help young skiers get into the sport, and to advance snow science study.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

New Members- The following applications for membership were presented for consideration: Richard Monroe, Doug Roberts, Duke Hettinger, Polly Kogel, Scott Davidson, Steve Garcia, Harold & Damon Hunter, Paulette Epple, Thomas Noble, Geoff Stephens, John Barkow, Bob Petitt, Robin Barker, Bob Allen, Greg Petersen, Dave Granger, Joe O'Brien, Darryl Razzano.

A motion was made from the floor to approve membership of those presented. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried.

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ellen Murphy/ Bob Kolesar- Bob Kolesar addressed the members present regarding his request to be allowed to ride on a ski-bike while accompanying his wife, Ellen, who is disabled and rides a ski-bike. He requested that the board revisit the policy. Board member Jim Drummond responded that the board had formed an ad-hoc committee in response to Mr. Kolesar's previous request. The committee reviewed Bridger Bowl's current policy for skiers with disabilities, as well as Forest Service guidelines on the subject. The policy was found to be appropriate by all members of the committee. Brief discussion held.

## **ADJOURN**

The President welcomed a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made from the floor. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

